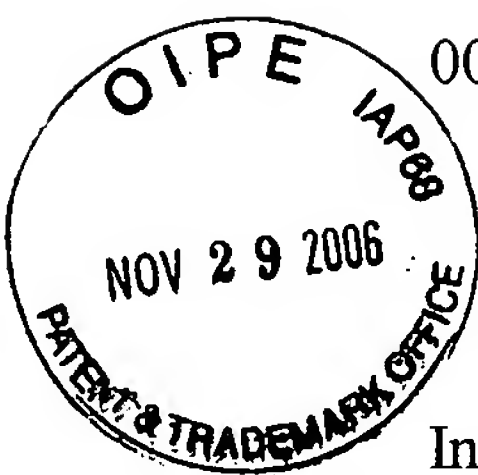


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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

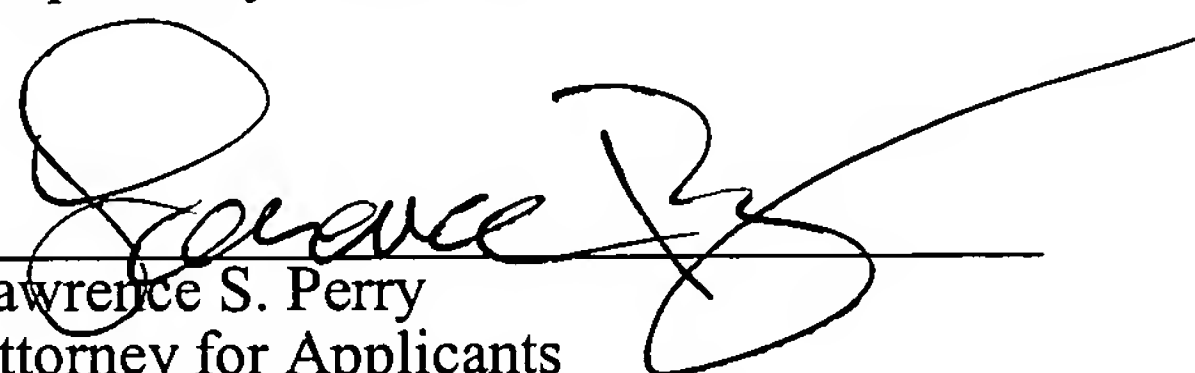
The document listed is cited in the Written Opinion, a copy of which is enclosed as well. For the Examiner's convenience, the U.S. publication (a copy of which is not enclosed) is cited as an English-language equivalent.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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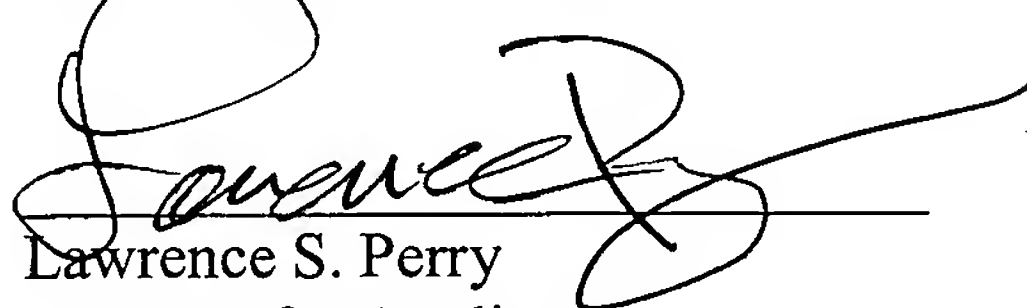
Enclosed to complete the record and for the Examiner's convenience is Form PCT/IB/338, an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Form PCT/IB/373) and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (Form PCT/ISA/237) in the above-identified application.

Documents 1 and 3 discussed in the Written Opinion were both cited in Applicants' August 24, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement. Document 2 is being filed in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted currently herewith.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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